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Subject: Statement issued by the president mysore state Congress in connection with the conversation between Govt & certain members of the Congress and the reply sent to the letter of the Congress president

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SUBJECT .... Statement issued by the President, Azad State Congress in Connection with the Conversation between the Govt: & certain Members of the Congress and the Reply sent by the Letter of the Congress President.

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WD 1915—GPB—500—24-2-30

DEWAN OF MYSORE

CARLTON HOUSE,
BANGALORE.

My dear Mr Keswa Iyengar,

Here is a letter which I have just received from Mr H. Siddick I shall be glad if you will kindly put up a draft reply after consulting the Ministers who are in Bangalore & see me with the papers at 4-15 P.M. on the 26th.

Yours sincerely,
M Madhava Rau

1) Submd

Fin + Rev Ministers & Edn. Minister

MRS 24/11/41 JLL 24.11

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THE MYSORE CONGRESS

PRESIDENT
H. SIDDIAH B.A., LL.B.
TREASURER
H. C. DASAPPA. B.A., LL.B.
GENERAL SECRETARY
K. PATTABHIRAMAN. B.A., B.L.

46, Cottonpet
BANGALORE CITY

Dated 24th Nov., 1941.

Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rao, Esq., B.A.,B.L.,
Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

I had the honour to place before the Mysore Congress Committee the latest developments culminating in the Order prohibiting my entry into the Mysore City and my subsequent arrest under the Public Security Act.

The Congress has made various complaints from time to time regarding official interference in the elections, the rejection of nomination papers and the many inroads into the elementary rights of citizenship by way of prohibitory Orders, deportations, externments and the like.

The Mysore Congress is fully alive to the pre-occupations of the Government owing to the war and whilst therefore the demand for the establishment

p.t.o.

of Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja may remain in abeyance, you will agree that the Congress cannot sit with folded hands over the various wrongs on the people and the many obstructions to the public activities in the State including the political education of the people consistently of course with non-violence. The pre-occupations alluded to by me can have no bearing on such peaceful activities. I trust, therefore, that an indication will be given that the elementary rights of citizenship are fully recognised by the Government, that all existing restrictions will be removed and that the discontent among the people will be allayed.

If to this end you consider a mutual discussion necessary I shall be happy to wait on you at any time appointed by you.

With best regards,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,
A Siddanna
President, Congress Committee
Bangalore

Serial No.

17) Subd. As the Dewan had left Office by 3.40 P.M. I was not able to meet him.

1) I have consulted the Ministers (the Fin. & Rev. Minister and the Education Minister) and both are of opinion that Mr. Siddiah may be given an interview. Two alternative drafts are subd. If it is proposed to grant an interview, it does not seem ~~xxxxxx~~ necessary to enter into any details. The alternative

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draft simply intimating that the Dewan will be glad to see Mr. Siddiah may suffice.

Dewan) 4) Kind attention is invited to Sir Mirza Ismail's reply to Mahatma Gandhi dated the 24th January 1941 (page 5 of the letter), as also to the reply sent to Mr. K.T.Bhashyam dated the 10th February 41. (para 1) A copy of the O.M. issued directing that Govt. servants should not take part ij politics is also put up. flag D

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Dewan) 5) The Law minister will be returning tomorrow. Perhaps his views also may be taken. MS 24.11.41

6) The shorter draft (II) as amplified may issue

Rly 25/11/41

Law minister) 7) Rly 25/11 MS 25/11/41

D.O. letter No. 1815 / C.B. & L5-11-41 to Mr. H. Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, stating that the Dewan will be glad to meet him on 26th Nov. at 9 A.M.

DEWAN'S MINUTE.

FILE No. 194 .

NO M. 744

Bangalore,

17th December 1941.

8) Mr. H. Siddiah is coming to see me again at Carlton House on Monday, the 22nd instant at 5.15. p.m. I shall be glad if the Ministers will be present at the time.

DEWAN.

Chief Secretary)

a) Subd

Fin't Rev
Minister
Law Minister
Edn. Minister
& L.S.G't & H.
Minister

18/12/41

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(b) The connected file is subd.

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Dewan)

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Serial No.

Mr. H.Siddiah's interview with the Dewan.

(12) A short resume of the discussions is subd.

Law Minister & Dewan

MS 6.1.42

13) Bm 8/1

MS 8/1/42

14) A copy has been submitted to His Highness. The papers may be circulated to the Members.

Rm 11/1/41

15) CB MS 13/1/42

Subd. to

Fin & Rev. Minister.
Education Minister.
L.S.G. & P.H.Minister.

16) MS 16.1.42

MS 13/1/42

Rm 20.1.42 MS 21/1/42

23.1.42

MS 27.1.42

Letter dated the 29th Janry. 1941 from Mr. H. Siddaiya, President of the Mysore Congress, requesting for a reply on the points referred to during the interview.

17) **Draft reply to Mr. Siddaiya is put up.**

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18) Sent with a draft.

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1.2.42

Dewan)

D. O. No. 1699 | C. B. dated the 1st Feb. 42 to Mr. A. Siddiqua stating that a reply will be sent after the Dewan's return from tour, and that, if necessary, a date will be fixed for further discussion.

Resolved

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General and Revenue Secretariat | File No. | of 194 . | [App. F. III—2

Serial No.

Interviews of Mr. H.Siddiah, President, Mysore Congress, with the Dewan and the Ministers.

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(a) A draft submission note is put up.

The reply will be sent after receipt of the file from H.H. if appd. if will be sent from Dewan

DEWAN) the file submitted later

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NOTE—Contn. Sheet.

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Submitted to His Highness.

These papers relate to a proposal to send a reply to Mr. H. Siddiah, President of the Mysore Congress, on the several points raised by him and the other members of the Mysore State Congress during the interviews with me and the Ministers. I have already submitted to His Highness on the 11th January 1942 a note summarising the results of the discussion. Mr. Siddiah has since addressed another letter to me requesting that the views of Government on the several points raised by him may be furnished to him and he has also seen me again on the 20th March 1942.

The proposed reply has been approved by all the Ministers except the Minister for Local Self-Government and Public Health, who is absent on tour and it is herewith submitted for the gracious perusal of His Highness.

D E W A N.

Bangalore,
1st April 1942.

Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

Draft of a reply proposed to be sent to the letter of the President of the Mysore Congress.

Order.

7/4/42.

No. 867

DEWAN'S MINUTE.

FILE No. 192 .

DEWAN'S OFFICE
12 APR 1942
No. S.M. 200/Ex

Camp Mysore,

9th April 1942.

I send herewith the draft reply proposed to be sent to Mr. H. Siddaiya. It may be issued after being shown to the Minister for Local Self Government and Public Health who, I believe, was not present at the meeting when the draft reply was considered by me and the Ministers.

DEWAN.

Chief Secretary)

10.4.42

Letter No. 3589 | C.B. LLL-41-19 11-4-42 from the Ch. Sec. to Govt., to Mr. H. Siddaiya stating briefly the views expressed by Govt. in the course of the conversation.

For Disposal by Circulation. **No. C. 902**

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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

Council Matter.

Subject

Statement issued by the President of the Mysore Congress on Government letter dated 11th April 1942.

Circulated to the Council of Ministers.

By Order.

M. S. [illegible]
17/4

17th April 1942. *Chief Secretary to Government.*

6260/20.4.42 **Minister for Finance and Revenue.** 20.4

10901/20/4 **Minister for Law.**

5590/21.4.42 **Minister for Education.**

6599/22.4.42 **Minister for Local Self-Government and Public Health.** I like my remarks on the statement of the congress president.
22.4.42

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for perusal.
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is the view of the Govt on the memorandum
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Govt 24/4
24/4/42

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Serial No.

Subject:- Statement issued by the President, Ryan Congress, on yr letter dated 11-4-1942.

DEWAN'S OFFICE
27. APR. 1942
No. 9236

25) Submitted with a D.S.N.

25/4/42

29)

Dewan

CHIEF SECRETARY
25. APR. 1942
GOVT. OF MYSORE.

NOTE—Cont. Sheet.

WD 04155—GPB—55,000—23-10-41

Submitted to His Highness.

(9) I submit herewith, for the gracious perusal of His Highness, a letter dated the 15th April 1942 received from the President, Mysore State Congress, together with a copy of a statement issued by him with reference to the Chief Secretary to Government's letter dated the 11th April 1942 on the subject of the recent conversations between some members of the Congress and the Government. Mr. Siddaiya has made certain mis-statements but it is not considered worthwhile for Government to correct them by issuing a Press Communique or otherwise.

M. Madhava Rau

D E W A N.

Bangalore,
27th April 1942.

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Record of Cases submitted for the Orders of His Highness the Maharaja.

Subject.

30) Statement issued by the President, Mysore State Congress, in connection with the recent conversations between some members of the Congress and the Government.

Order.

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General and Revenue

Secretariat.

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SUBJECT :—

34) Statement issued by the President, Mysore State Congress, in connection with the recent conversations between some members of the Congress and the Government.

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14. All urgent or confidential files returned with His Highness' orders may, in the absence of instructions or indications to the contrary, be ordinarily circulated to the Ministers for perusal after the issue of orders.

16. The Secretaries concerned should see that orders in the cases referred to above are issued at once and that the files are returned immediately after, to the Chief Secretary for circulation to the Ministers.

17. In all other cases, the files will first be circulated to the Ministers at Headquarters and then sent to the Secretariat concerned for the issue of orders.

Circulated to Council of Ministers for perusal of His Highness' orders before/after issue of orders. (*Vide* Rules 14, 16 and 17 of the Subsidiary Rules for the conduct of business of Council in the Mysore Government Business Rules.) (*)

W. S. [illegible]
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Chief Secretary to Government.

Through the Secretary to Government,

.....Department.

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33) Minister for Finance and Revenue. [illegible] 6.5.42

34) Minister for Law. [illegible] 6/5-

35) Minister for Education. 5840 / 7.5.42 [illegible] 7.5.42

6948 / 7.5.42

36) Minister for Local Self-Govt. and Public Health. [illegible] 8.5.42.

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Confidential Branch,
G. R. S.

1/8157 C. B.

Dewan's Office
V. R. with thanks.

Gore
25/11/41.

Marked -

No.1815/C.B.

ISSUED.

25th November 1

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th November 1941 and to state that the Dewan will be glad to see you at Carlton House on Wednesday the 26th instant at 9 a.m. if the hour is convenient to you. I am to add that the Dewan is leaving for Delhi on the 27th instant and will be away for about 10 days.

Yours sincerely,
A.I. B.T. Kadavergal

H. Siddiah, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
President, The Mysore Congress.

1815 | C.B. 25-X-1-41

ISSUED.

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th November 1941, and to state that the Dewan will be glad to see you ~~in his Chambers in the Public Office~~ at Carlton House on ~~Wednesday~~ the 26th inst at 9 A.M. if the hour is convenient to you. I am to add that the Dewan is leaving for Delhi on the 27th inst and will be away for about 10 days.

Yours sincerely,

H.Siddiah, Esqr., B.A.,LL.B.,
President, The Mysore Congress.

(Not Issued)

Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th November 1941 addressed to the Dewan asking for an interview to discuss certain matters ~~alluded to in your communication.~~ mentioned in your letter.

You have referred in your letter to " official interference in the elections, the rejection of nomination papers," etc. As you are aware, this question is already engaging the attention of a judicial officer, who has been appointed as Election Commissioner.

As regards the other point mentioned in your letter regarding curtailment of the civil liberties of the people, I am to point out that the policy of His Highness' Government has been to give full liberty of speech and action to the people of the State, consistent with public interest. The fact that public meetings , organised by the several political parties in the State, are being freely held almost daily unhindered by Govt. itself goes to show that H.H's Govt. have no idea of encroaching on the liberties of the citizens of the State.

If, ~~in spite of~~ notwithstanding this, it is found necessary by ~~Govt.~~ the local Govt. to take action ~~against~~ us

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individual instances, it is because the Govt. owe a duty to the people to protect their interests, and akso to see that public tranquility is not disturbed. Each such case has had therefore to be ~~judged in the individual~~ dealt with according to circumstances ~~of the case~~, and it cannot be concluded from such ~~solitary~~ rare instances, in which the Govt. are compelled by circumstances to take action, however reluctantly, that the civil liberties of the ~~nation~~ people have been jeopardized ~~by the action of Govt.~~

As regards your request for an interview, I am to state that the Dewan will be glad to see you on .... I am to request you to kindly let me know if this suits you.

Yours sincerely,

MS
24/11/41

H. Siddaiya, Esqr., B.A., B.L.,
President, Mysore State Congress.

24th December 41

I am desired to state that as the meeting of the Legislative Council has been extended by another day and the Ministers have to be present at the Legislative Council, the Dewan regrets that the meeting with you arranged for to-day at 1 p.m. will have to be unavoidably postponed till after the Xmas and New Year Holidays.

I shall intimate to you as soon as another suitable date is fixed.

M

H. Siddaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
President, Mysore Congress,
Bangalore.

No: 2300/C.B

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26th December 1

Dear Sir,

In continuation of my D.O. letter dated the 24th December 1941, I am desired to inform you that it will be convenient for the Dewan to meet you in Bangalore either on the 2nd or 3rd January 1942, whichever date is suitable to you. I shall be obliged if you will kindly intimate to me the date which suits you by wire.

Thanking you,

Yours faithfully,

H. Siddaiya, Esq., B.A., B.L.,
President, Mysore Congress,
Shimoga.

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29th December 41

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= H Siddaiya

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The Dewan is meeting Mr.H.Siddiah again on Friday the 2nd January 1942 between 1 & 3 P.M. at Carlton House. He will be glad if the Ministers ~~can make it convenient to~~ will kindly be present at the meeting.

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Ministers)

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D.O.No. C37

Camp Trivandrum,

10th January 1942.

My dear Mr. Thumboo Chetty,

At the request of the President of the Mysore Congress, I had three meetings with him and one or two others connected with that organization. At the second and third meetings, the Ministers were also present and took part in the discussions during which questions relating to the withdrawal of certain prohibitory orders, the invalidity of the last elections to the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council etc., were raised. I enclose herewith a note summarising these discussions for favour of submission to His Highness for his information.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd) K. Madhava Rao.

Rajasabhabhushana
T. Thumboo Chetty Esq., O.B.E.,
Huzur Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
CAMP TRIVANDRUM.

Please make 2 copies
one for submission & HH a cent
10/1/42

The Mysore Congress passed a resolution at its session held at Hole-Narsipur on 22nd November 1941 to the effect that "due to pre-occupations of the Government owing to the War, the demand for the establishment of responsible government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja may remain in abeyance during the period of the War." The Committee also passed another resolution expressing its resentment at the "official interference in the elections, rejection of nomination papers, victimisation of persons for legitimate activities and the many inroads in the elementrary rights of citizenship by way of prohibitory orders, deportation and the like". The Committee authorised the Congress President to approach the Government with a view to see that the "wrongs on the people are remedied and that all such restrictions as interfering with the exercise of the ordinary civil rights are removed so that the prevailing discontent in the country may as far as possible be allayed."

In accordance with these resolutions, Mr. H. Siddaiya President of the Mysore Congress, addressed a letter to the Dewan on the 24th November 1941 asking for an interview and requesting that Government may give an indication "that the elementary rights of citizenship are fully recognised by them, that all existing restrictions will be removed and that the discontentment of the people will be allayed."

The interview was arranged for on Wednesday the 26th November with the Dewan. After discussing certain preliminary matters, it was arranged that Mr. Siddayya might meet the Dewan again after the Dewan's return from Delhi. A further meeting was accordingly held on the 22nd December when the Ministers were also present. The meeting

was again continued on the 2nd January 1942. Besides Mr. Siddaiya, Mr. K. Pattabhiraman was present at the first two meetings, and Messrs. K. T. Bhashyam and Pattabhiraman were present at the last meeting.

In the 2nd meeting, Mr. Siddaiya enumerated the several orders of which he wanted withdrawal. Then he was specifically asked what the meaning and effect of the Hole-Narsipur Resolution was. The meeting adjourned at this stage.

On the 3rd occasion again, discussion was resumed at this stage. Mr. Bhashyam on behalf of Mr. Siddaiya mentioned that it meant the keeping in abeyance of the "demand for Responsible Government under the aegis of His Highness the Maharaja" during the War, and agreement to work within the limits of the present Constitution during that period. He elaborated the point further as follows:-

(1) As the recent general election is invalid owing to unfair interference by Government Officers, the two Houses of the Legislature should be dissolved.

(2) General elections should be held afresh to both Houses.

(3) The Ministry should be reconstituted by appointing new Ministers who have popular support.

Mr. Bhashyam was informed in clear unmistakable terms that there could not be in Mysore responsible government of the nature envisaged in British India and that in Mysore under the constitution, the Executive can only be responsible to His Highness the Maharaja and not to the legislature. He was also informed that even after the

War is over, Government could not countenance any idea of responsible government in the sense that the Executive would be subordinate to the people through the legislature. Conditions in Mysore are quite different from those existing in British Indian Provinces and it was therefore no use agitating for a right which is not likely to be sanctioned.

It was also pointed out that the proposals for the dissolution of the legislature, fresh general elections and the fresh constitution of the Ministry were inconsistent with the idea first put forward of working the constitution as it is, and there was no ground to dissolve the legislature or to constitute afresh a Ministry both of which have come into being in accordance with the constitution.

The following points were raised thereafter:-

(1) Withdrawal of prohibitory and other orders interfering with the civil liberties of the citizens of the State.

(2) The invalidity of the last elections for the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council on the alleged ground of unfair interference by Government Officers.

(3) Scope for the Congress being allowed to participate in Executive Administration of the State, even under the Mysore Government Act as it stands, viz., taking Congressmen into the Ministry.

As regards the withdrawal of prohibitory and other orders, it was pointed out that these orders were passed based in individual cases according to the circumstances

of each case and that the District Magistrate was the best judge in the matter as to when an order was necessary and when not.

The policy of His Highness the Maharaja's Government has all along been to give full liberty of speech and action to the people of State consistent with public interest. Public meetings organised by the several political parties in the State are being freely held almost daily unhindered. If the local officers had to take action in individual instances, it was in discharge of the responsibility of the District Magistrate and other local officers to the people to protect their interests and also to see that public tranquility is not disturbed. Each such case is to be judged according to the prevailing circumstances and it cannot be deduced from such instances, that the civil liberties of the people as a whole have been jeopardised.

If in any instance, the complaint is of improper exercise of powers resulting in undue hardship, the remedy lies in appealing against such orders to the proper courts.

Mr. Bhashyam wanted an assurance from Government that there was no political bias in the orders passed by the District Magistrates. He was informed that there was absolutely no political motive behind these orders passed by the District Magistrates under the ordinary powers vested in them and with reference to their assessment of the local circumstances. If meetings or processions had been banned in certain instances, it was because the local conditions demanded such an order in the view of the District Magistrate.

Mr. K. T. Bhashyam stated that in choosing non-official Ministers, Government should have given due consideration to the claims of the Congress Party, and that such action would have been appreciated as a gesture of goodwill by the Government towards the Congress.

He was informed that Government ~~are~~ have always willing to recognise the Congress as a political organisation in the State so long as their attitude was one of co-operation and their activities constructive in character and they did not hitch their wagon to an outside star but accepted undivided loyalty to His Highness, and agreed to co-operate in the War-effort. Mr. Bhashyam said they would be neutral in regard to War, and would even actively co-operate, if an agreement could be reached on other points. It was also pointed out that if any one from any party accepted office as Minister, he would, under the present constitution have to cease to be a party man after taking office and be responsible only to His Highness and could not and should not, guide himself accordingly to party mandates. Mr. Siddaiya and others stated that they understood this.

They were finally told that Government would welcome their co-operation in constructive matters relating to the encouragement of khadder, home industries, village reorganisation, removing of illiteracy and there need be no hesitation in this. They were, however, not sure of their ground in respect of co-operation on "A.R.P. and Civic Guards".

The meeting was cordial. They seem to have been fairly satisfied with the meeting and seem to entertain some hope that they may find a place in the Ministry. They also referred to the disability

enforced on some congress leaders from entering the houses of legislatures owing to convictions in Criminal Courts during Satyagraha.

THE MYSORE CONGRESS,

46,-Cottenpet,
Bangalore-City, 27th Jan.42.
(Camp) Shimoga, 29.1.1942.

Rajamantrapravina N.Madhava Rao, Esqr.,B.A., B.L.,
Dewan of Mysore,
Bangalore.

Dear Sir,

I have been expecting to hear from you regarding the points we raised and discussed during the three interviews which you were pleased to give us.

You might remember that we brought to your notice the wrongs to be remedied and the grievances to be redressed so as to ensure contentment and harmony in the public life of the country. Chief among the points urged were (1) the victimisation of Patels and Shanbogues, School Masters, Contractors and the like for alleged participation in Congress activities, and voting or securing of votes for the Congress candidates during the elections to the legislatures and the Local Bodies, (the usual ~~usual~~ allegation being that they were engaged in subversive activities.), (2) the imposition of punitive tax in Turuvanoor Village in Chitaldroog district, (3) the disqualifications in respect of many Congressmen from standing as candidates to the legislatures and the Local Bodies, (4) the promulgation of various prohibitory and externment orders curtailing the civil liberties of the citizens and the normal activities of the Congress (5) the need for the dissolution of the legislatures on the ground that there has not been a fair and free election in most cases, (particularly in view of bye-elections~~xxxx

(6) during the period of war the vesting of the administration in the hands of elected representatives of the people to the maximum extent permissible under the Government of Mysore Act 1940.

On some of these points you have in passing made certain observations which have impressed me as having been sympathetic and based on an appreciation and understanding of the need to satisfy the public mind in these matters. I must, however, in all fairness to you concede that the talks we had were understood to be non-committal. Regarding the last point in particular, that is, regarding the vesting of the administration in the hands of the elected representatives of the people you felt that it was a matter which required some time to consider.

I hope the talks we had had enabled us to understand and appreciate each others point of view and that it would be possible for us to implement the noble sentiment to which His Highness gave expression in his reply to the Municipal Address at Bangalore, namely, " . . . and share your hope that by mutual understanding between the people and the Government, Mysore may continue and increase its present condition of contentment, peace and prosperity".

You will agree that the talks we have had so far are by no means conclusive. I consider it necessary that we should know your views regarding the points which we have urged and discussed during the talks. If further talks would be useful I shall be glad to call on you at any time convenient to you.

I shall be grateful to you for an early consideration

of the points urged in this letter.

With best regards,

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) H. Siddaiya,

29.1.42.

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Mr. G. L. Mehkri, B.A., LL.B.,
Chief Secretary to Govt.
(In charge)

No. 2699/C-B

3rd February 2

Dear Sir

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter dated the 29th January 1942 addressed to the Dewan of Mysore and to state that as the Dewan will be on tour from to-day till the 10th, a reply will be sent to you after his return to Bangalore.

I am to add that if necessary a date for your meeting with the Dewan to discuss any further matter will be fixed and intimated to you.

Yours faithfully,

H. Siddiah, Esqr., B.A., LL.B.,
President, Mysore State Congress.

Mr. M.G. Mehkri, B.A., LL.B.,
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Confidential. 2nd March 2.

Dear Mr. Siddaiya,

The Dewan will be glad to see you in Carlton House on Friday the 6th March 1942 at 8:30 A.M. if this date and hour suit you.

Yours sincerely,

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H. Siddaiya, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
President, Mysore Congress, Shimoga.

Gangamakatte
Davangere Taluq. 41
5-3-1942.

Bs. k.m
M/S

Dear Mr. Mehkri.

I have just received your letter fixing the date of the interview with the Dewan for tomorrow the 6th instant. I regret that I am unable to see him tomorrow. I am in the midst of a tour in Chitaldroog District which commenced on 27-2-42. It will continue till the 10th instant. I am therefore writing this to you in confirmation of my telegram that I am unable to see the Dewan tomorrow.

Kindly intimate the earliest convenient date for the interview after the 10th instant.

Yours Sincerely
Sd/- Siddaveerappa
President Mysore Congress.

Sd/- for information
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6th March 2

Dear Mr. Siddaiya,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter and telegram of the 5th instant, and to state that the Dewan will be glad to see you in Carlton House on Firday the 20th March 1942 at 8-30 A.M. if the date and hour suit you.

Yours sincerely,

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H. Siddaiya, Esq., B.A., LL.B.,
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Dewan's office for
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Dated 31st March, 1942.

To

Rajamantrapravina N. Madhava Rao, B.A.,B.L.,
Dewan of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Dear Sir,

I write to invite your kind attention to my letter dated 27-1-1942 and the discussions we had thereon. You will be pleased to recollect that you promised to send a reply to the suggestions made in the letter on the basis of which we might issue a statement to the public regarding the talks we had with you and other members of the Government. You were kind enough to suggest that you could send your reply by about the 25th instant on your return from Ootacamund. May I request you to be so good as to furnish me with the reply at your earliest convenience? I will feel obliged if you could send it on during the course of the day.

Thanking you,

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

H. Siddaiya
President.

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Dear Sir,

I am desired to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 31st March 1942 addressed to the Dewan and to state that the matter is receiving attention. I hope to write to you again within a few days.

Yours sincerely,

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H. Siddiah, Esqr., B.A., LL.B.,
President, The Mysore Congress,
46, Cottonpet, Bangalore City.

Confidential

Bangalore,
1st April 1942.

No. C.S. 5746/Exec. Two

My dear Colonel Fraser,

I enclose herewith a copy of the Mysore Congress President's letter dated 29th January 1942 relating to certain conversations which have taken place between him and the Members of the Mysore Government. I am also sending you herewith a draft copy of the reply which we propose to send him.

Yours sincerely,

(Sd.) N. Madhava Rau.

The Hon'ble
Lieut.-Colonel D. de M. S. Fraser, C.I.E.,
Resident in Mysore,
BANGALORE.

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2nd April 1942.

My dear Mr. Thumboo Chetty,

I am sending herewith a file of papers relating to certain conversations that we have had with the President and other members of the Mysore State Congress. I shall be glad to discuss with you the terms of the proposed draft reply to the President before the papers are submitted to His Highness. I propose to go to Mysore by car ~~this evening~~ early tomorrow morning and will stay there for four or five days.

Yours sincerely,
(Sd) N. Madhava Rau.

Rajasabhabhushana
T. Thumboo Chetty, Esq., O.B.E.,
Private Secretary to His Highness
the Maharaja of Mysore,
MYSORE.

Re 3588/42

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This rule has been held to apply to village officers also.

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Government on reconsideration have since ordered that the entire tax be waived and the amount already collected be refunded to the parties. This has been done purely as a matter of grace, in the hope that the people of the village have realised that law and order are to be respected.

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The proposal to dissolve the Houses of Legislature and re-constitute them after fresh elections cannot be regarded as a practicable suggestion.

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In the course of the conversations, you suggested that one or more Ministers should be appointed from the Mysore State Congress. It was pointed out on behalf of the Government that, according to Section 4 of the Mysore Govern-

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Government Act, it is open to His Highness the Maharaja to appoint any non-official members of the Legislature as Ministers. No party is excluded from the field of choice, if the members of the party recognise without reservation that a Minister is solely responsible to His Highness the Maharaja and has to work harmoniously with his colleagues and respect official secrets; that, in short, a Minister, so long as he holds office, should set the interests of the State and the authority of the Ruler above all party considerations.

Who, accepting office, are ready to work the Constitution in a spirit of co-operation & Confidence

Agree for issue
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GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

General and Revenue Secretariat

No. 3589/C.B. 222-41-1 *Dated, Bangalore,* 11th April 1942.

From

The Chief Secretary to the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

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Chief Secretary to Government.

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Dated: 15th April 1942.

The Chief Secretary to the Government of Mysore,
BANGALORE.

Sir,

I am to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated the 11th instant and to state that in connection therewith and as agreed to at the last interview, the accompanying statement together with the letters under reference have been released to the Press. I request you to bring this to the notice of the Dewan and I shall thank you for doing so.

I remain,
Yours sincerely,

H. Siddiah
15.4.42.

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MYSORE CONGRESS.

Bangalore City,
Dated: 15th April, 1942.

Sjt. H. Siddaiya, Ex-President, Mysore Congress, has issued the following statement:----

The public are aware that following a resolution passed at the Session of the All Mysore Congress Committee at Hole Narasipur I interviewed the Dewan by appointment on four occasions and had conversations with him in connection with the various points urged for consideration in the aforesaid resolution. I was accompanied by Sjt. K. Pattabhi Raman, General Secretary, on all these occasions and with Sjt. K.T. Bhashyam, Member of the Working Committee, on two of them. I am aware that there is a natural desire on the part of the public to know not only the trend of these talks but also their outcome as early as possible. I must also add my apology that I was not able to disclose the same so far and I am sure the public will obviously see the propriety of such a course considering the nature of the talks. I am now in a position to release the correspondence in this behalf. My letter of the 27th January, 1942 addressed to the Dewan would indicate in a succinct manner the points that were specifically urged for consideration and in respect of which I desired to know the views of the government. (The letters under reference have already been published in the Press.) I need not add that all matters that were not envisaged under one or the other of the 6 points raised did not stand as material factors for determination though passing references might have been made to them in the course of the conversations. I am saying this with particular reference to the extract under paragraph 3 of the reply since received from the Chief Secretary to the Government: "As regards Advocates and Legal Practitioners debarred from practising in Courts, there is no provision in the Legal Practitioners' Act enabling government to interfere with the orders passed by the High Court. Parties whose Sannads have been cancelled can only move the High Court for reconsideration of their orders". This statement might lead, possibly,

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possibly, one to infer that there was or might have been a request made for the return of the Sannads by the intervention of the government and that therefore the government must have been prompted to give this reply. I am, therefore, compelled to observe that if the extract meant to make such a suggestion, it is not correct; I hope that it is not the intention to do so. There was no request made for the return of the Sannads. It was the Dewan who made a reference to the disbarred Congressmen and desired to know if it were possible for them to apply to the High Court for re-enrolment. I replied that they were not prepared to do so.

One other matter that deserves prompt clarification relates to an extract under paragraph 6 of the reply: "In the course of the conversations, you suggested that one or more ministers might be appointed from the Mysore State Congress. It was pointed out on behalf of the government that, under the Mysore Government Act, it is open to His Highness the Maharaja to appoint any non-official members of the legislatures who, among other things are likely to work the Constitution in a spirit of helpfulness and co-operation, as ministers". If it is intended to suggest that I asked for one or more ministers to be appointed from the Mysore Congress I must at once repudiate the suggestion as incorrect. There was absolutely no suggestion for the appointment of one or more ministers from the Congress. There was a definite representation that the legislatures should be dissolved, they should be reconstituted on the basis of a fresh and free election and that the entire administration should be vested in the hands of elected representatives of the people who may be responsible to His Highness the Maharaja. At no stage in the course of the talks did the question of taking one or more ministers from the Congress ranks engage our attention. The broad question was the vesting of the administration in the hands of the representatives of the people who enjoy the confidence of the people and were responsible to His Highness the Maharaja during the period of war. This was answered by the Dewan in a manner which is in terms different from what is stated in the reply. The Dewan, assuming perhaps, though rightly, that such elected representatives

This is incorrect. This has perhaps to be rephrased. MG 22.6.62

It is perhaps better to ignore this for the present. MG 26/6/62

representatives would be Congressmen stated that the question of taking Congressmen into Office could not be considered in view of the fact that such Congressmen would continue to owe allegiance to the Executive of the Mysore Congress and otherwise be guided by them. The Dewan apprehended that such a loyalty on the part of the Congress Ministers to the Party Machinery might be in conflict with their responsibilities to His Highness the Maharaja and perhaps, be in derogation of their fidility to their fellow-members on the Council of Ministers.

I wish to conclude by stating that the interviews were extremely cordial and enabled bothsides to understand each other the better for it. I cannot however conceal from myself and from the public my utter disappointment at the final attitude of the government whereby they have lost the opportunity to create a friendl understanding between themselves and the Congress resulting in the termination of the period of suspicion and sullenness which at present mars the public life of the country.

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The "Deshabandhu", 1711-1941

The "Deshabandhu" has written an editorial criticising the resolution adopted at the recent meeting of the Working Committee of the State Congress. The following is a summary of the same:-

"It is happy that the State Congress has recognised the fact that the Government are pre-occupied with efforts and that it is not advisible to press for full responsible Government at this juncture. Now that they have appreciated this fact, the Congressmen should whole-heartedly co-operate with war-efforts. No one can object to Congressmen carrying out the constructive programme and the Congress, and the allegation that the Government are imposing restrictions on peaceful dissemination of political ideas among the people, is not true.

The prohibitory order against the President of the Congress applies only to "Mysore city" and it might have been issued under the Defence of India Act. The right of political propaganda cannot certainly be the monopoly of the State Congress alone, and it is trusted that the attitude of the Congress towards the Government when ~~will~~ the President asks for an ~~interim~~ interim as per the above resolution, will not be the same as it was when the previous President sought to meet the Government in accordance with the resolution passed at the meeting of the A.I.C.C. held at Arsikere, in 1939.

Submitted.

Chief Secy) 19/11/41

CHIEF SECRETARIAT 22 NOV. 1941 GOVT. OF MYSORE.

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ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರನ್ನು ಸಂಧಿಸಿ ವಿಚಾರವಿನಿಮಯ ಮಾಡಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅವರಿಗೆ ಅಧಿಕಾರ ಕೊಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ನಿರ್ಣಯವನ್ನು ಹೊಳೇನರಸೀಪುರದಲ್ಲಿ ನಡೆಯುವ ಎ. ಐ. ಸಿ. ಸಿ. ಸಭೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಸಮಿತಿ ಮುಂದಿಡುವುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಸಂತೋಷ ಆದರೀ ಸಂದರ್ಭದಲ್ಲಿ ಹಿಂದಿನ ಇತಿಹಾಸವನ್ನು ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರೂ, ಸದಸ್ಯರೂ ಗಮನಿಸುತ್ತಾರೆಂದು ನಾವು ನಂಬಿದ್ದೇವೆ. ೧೯೩೯ರಲ್ಲಿ ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಎ. ಐ. ಸಿ. ಸಮಾವೇಶವಾದ ನಂತರ ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರ ಭೇಟಿಯನ್ನು ಕೋರಿ ಬರೆದ ಪತ್ರದ ಧೋರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನ ಪ್ರಮುಖ ಸದಸ್ಯರನೇಕರೇ ಒಪ್ಪಲಿಲ್ಲ. ಆ ಪತ್ರದ ಧೋರಣೆಯು ಫಲವಾಗಿನಡೆದ ಸಂಭವಗಳು ಮೊದಲಾದುವನ್ನು ನಾವಿಲ್ಲಿ ಪುನರ್ವರ್ತಿ ಲಿಚ್ಚಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಆದರೂ ಆ ಅಂಶಗಳನ್ನು ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನವರು ಉಪೇಕ್ಷಿಸಬಾರದೆಂದು ನಮ್ಮ ಸಲಹೆ. "ಯುದ್ಧದ ಸಲುವಾಗಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಗಮನವೆಲ್ಲವೂ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಒತ್ತಟ್ಟಿಗೆ ಆಕರ್ಷಿತವಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂಬುದನ್ನು ಈ ಸಭೆಯು ಮನಗಂಡಿದೆ. ತತ್ಕಾರಣದಿಂದ ಶ್ರೀಮನ್ಮಹಾರಾಜರವರ ಕೃಪಾಶ್ರಯದಲ್ಲಿ ಕೂಡಲೇ ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣ ಜವಾಬ್ದಾರಿ ಸರ್ಕಾರ ಸ್ಥಾಪಿಸಲ್ಪಡಬೇಕೆಂಬ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ತಾತ್ಕಾಲಿಕವಾಗಿ ಹಿಂಬದ್ಧಿಯಲ್ಲಿಡಬಹುದೆ" ಎಂದು ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಕಾರ್ಯಸಮಿತಿಯವರು ಈಗ ಎಷ್ಟಾದರೂ ಅರಿತುಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಸಂತೋಷಪಡಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ ಅವರೀಗ ಇದನ್ನು ಒಪ್ಪಿಕೊಂಡಿರಲಾಗಿ ಯುದ್ಧೋದ್ಯಮದಲ್ಲಿ ಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ಸಹಕರಿಸಬೇಕಾದ್ದು ಅವರ ಕರ್ತವ್ಯವಾಗಿದೆ. ಯುದ್ಧ ಮುಗಿಯುವವರೆಗೂ ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರೊಡನೆ ಸಹಕರಿಸುವರ್ತಿಸುತ್ತಾ ಯುದ್ಧಾನಂತರ ತಮ್ಮ ಬೇಡಿಕೆಯನ್ನು ಶಾಸನಬದ್ಧವಾದ ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ರಮಗಳನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳುವುದರಿಂದ ಪ್ರತಿಪಾದಿಸಿಕೊಳ್ಳಲು ಅವರು ಪ್ರಯತ್ನಿಸಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಕಾರ್ಯಸಮಿತಿಯ ನಿರ್ಣಯದ ವಾಕ್ಯವೇ ಅರ್ಥವನ್ನು ಸೂಚಿಸುತ್ತದೆಂಬುದು ನಮ್ಮ ಭಾವನೆ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಯೆಂದು ಕಾರ್ಯಕ್ಷೇತ್ರಗಳಲ್ಲೂ ಈ ರೀತಿ ಅನುಸರಿಸಲ್ಪಡಬೇಕೆಂದೇ ನಾವು ಮೊದಲಿನಿಂದ ಪ್ರತಿಪಾದಿಸುತ್ತಿರುವುದು. ಏತನ್ಮಧ್ಯೆ ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನವರು ರಚನಾತ್ಮಕ ಕಾರ್ಯಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ನಿರತರಾಗಲು ಯಾವುದೇನೂ ಅಪೇಕ್ಷಣೆಯಾಗಲೀ ಅತಂಕವಾಗಲಿ ಇರುವುದಿಲ್ಲ. ಪ್ರಕೃತದಲ್ಲಿ "ಅಹಿಂಸಾ ತತ್ವಾನುಗುಣವಾಗಿ ಜನತೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ವಿಜ್ಞಾನವನ್ನು ಹರಡುವ ಮಾರ್ಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅತಂಕ" ವಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಅವರು ಭಾವಿಸಿಕೊಂಡಿರುವುದು ಸಂಪೂರ್ಣವಾಗಿ ತಪ್ಪೆಂದು ನಾವು ಧಾರಾಳವಾಗಿ ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇವೆ. ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ವೇಲೆ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ರಕ್ಷಣಾ ಕಾನೂನನ್ನು ಪ್ರಯೋಗಿಸಿದ್ದುದು, (ಆದರ ಔಚಿತ್ಯ ಅನೌಚಿತ್ಯಗಳನ್ನು ನಾವು ಪ್ರತಿಪಾದಿಸಲು ಹೊರಟಿಲ್ಲ) ಡಿಫೆನ್ಸ್ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹಲಕೆಲವರ ಮೇಲೆ ಪ್ರತಿಬಂಧಕ ವಿಧಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಇವುಗಳು ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನವರ ಮೇಲ್ಕಂಡ ಭಾವನೆಗೆ ಬೆಂಬಲವಾದ ಅಂಶಗಳಲ್ಲ. ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರ ಮೇಲಿನ ಪ್ರತಿಬಂಧಕ ಕೇವಲ ಮೈಸೂರು ನಗರಕ್ಕೆ ಮಾತ್ರವೇ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದೆಯೇ ಹೊರತು, ಅವರು ಮೈಸೂರು ಡಿಸ್ಟ್ರಿಕ್ಟಿನ ಇತರ ಪ್ರದೇಶಗಳಿಗೆ ಹೋಗಿ ಬರಲಾಗಲಿ ತಮ್ಮ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ತತ್ವಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮಾಡಲಾಗಲಿ ಸಂಬಂಧಪಡಲಿಲ್ಲವಷ್ಟೆ. ಆ ಅಂಶವನ್ನು ಕಾರ್ಯಸಮಿತಿಯವರು ಗಮನಿಸಿದರೇನು? ಡಿಫೆನ್ಸ್ ಕಾನೂನಿನ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಪ್ರತಿಬಂಧಕಾಜ್ಞೆಗಳು ಪ್ರಯೋಗಿಸಲ್ಪಟ್ಟಿರುವುದು ಯುದ್ಧೋದ್ಯಮಕ್ಕೆ ಅಡ್ಡಿ ಇರಬಾರದೆಂಬ ಭಾವನೆಯಿಂದ ಎಂದು ಕಾಣುತ್ತದೆ. ರಾಜಕೀಯ ತತ್ವಗಳ ಪ್ರಚಾರದ ವಿಚಾರದಲ್ಲಿ ಒಂದು ರಾಜಕೀಯ ಪಂಗಡಕ್ಕೇ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ರಂಗ ಸಿದ್ಧಗೊಳಿಸಲ್ಪಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನವರು ಹಠ ಹಿಡಿದಿಲ್ಲವಷ್ಟೆ? ಹೀಗಿರುವಾಗ ಅವರ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯಗಳನ್ನು ಅನುಮೋದಿಸದಿರುವವರಿಗೂ ಸಹ ತಾವು ವಿಶ್ವಾಸವಿಟ್ಟಿರುವ ರಾಜಕೀಯ ತತ್ವಗಳನ್ನು ಪ್ರಚಾರ ಮಾಡಲು ಹಕ್ಕುಂಟೆಂಬುದನ್ನು ಅವರು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುತ್ತಾರಷ್ಟೆ? ಇಷ್ಟು ಹೇಳಿದ ಮೇಲೆ ಮೈಸೂರು ಕಾಂಗ್ರೆಸ್ ಅಧ್ಯಕ್ಷರು ಸರ್ಕಾರದ ಭೇಟಿ ಕೋರುವಾಗ ಅರಸೀಕೆರೆ ಧೋರಣೆಯನ್ನು ಅನುಸರಿಸುವುದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ನಾವು ನಿರೀಕ್ಷಿಸಬಹುದೇ?

GOVERNMENT OF HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA OF MYSORE

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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As the final elections for the Representative Assembly and the Legislative Council are to be held shortly, the Deputy Commissioners should ask Polling and other officers concerned with the elections to familiarise themselves thoroughly with the rules governing the election procedure and particularly those relating to their own duties in this connection. They should seek and obtain, in time, instructions on any matters of doubt or anticipated difficulty.

It is needless to point out that all Government servants are expected to maintain an attitude of strict impartiality and should avoid, to the extent that lies in their power, giving room for any complaint that particular candidates or parties were treated with special favour or disfavour.

As regards the exercising of their own right of voting (if any), the attention of Government servants is drawn to the following rule of the Government Servants' Conduct Rules, which is self-explanatory:--

"A wholetime servant of Government shall not canvass or otherwise interfere or use his influence or take part in any election to a legislative or other public body, provided that a Government servant who is qualified to vote at such election may exercise his right to vote but if he does so, shall give no indication of the manner in which he proposes to vote or has voted."

The Returning Officers will see that these instructions are observed both in the letter and the spirit and that all possible precautions are taken to ensure that they are not departed from through inadvertance or lack of forethought. Serious notice will be taken of the conduct of any officer or official who is shown to have disregarded the instructions.

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Chief Secretary to Government.

To--The Deputy Commissioners of Districts.
The Heads of Departments.
The Secretaries to Government.
The Secretary, Representative Assembly and Legislative Council.
The Returning Officers of Special Constituencies.